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1. REPLIES TO QUESTIONS REFTEL IN SERIATIM, AS FOLLOWS:

A. AND B. THREE MAJOR AGENCIES INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE: GENDARMERIE, POLICE JUDICIAIRE AND REGULAR CITY POLICE. EACH OF THESE AGENCIES PROVIDES RUDIMENTARY NARCOTICS FAMILIARIZATION AS PART OF GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING. NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAMS PER SE DO NOT EXIST.

C. AND D. EACH OF THE ABOVE AGENCIES OPERATES ITS OWN TRAINING ACADEMY AND/OR ON THE JOB TRAINING. INSTRUCTION IN THESE ACADEMIES LASTS FROM SIX TO 48 MONTHS. INSTRUCTORS THEMSELVES HAVE ONLY BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF NARCOTICS. BUT TRAINED SPECIALISTS SUCH AS COMMANDER FRANCOIS (GENDARMERIE) AND HONORE CHINITOR (POLICE JUDICIAIRE) ARE TAPPED BY RESPECTIVE GROUPS AS GUEST SPEAKERS FOR GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS.

E. THE FOLLOWING NARCOTICS TRAINING HAS BEEN PROVIDED BELGIAN OFFICIALS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS:

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(1) BY THE USG: (A) FEB 1974 - 2 WKS TRAINING BY DEA

(PARTICIPATION BY GENDARMERIE, POLICE JUDICIAIRE AND CITY POLICE)

(B) NOV 1975 - 2 WKS TRAINING BY DEA (PARTICIPATION BY GENDARMERIE, POLICE JUDICIAIRE AND CITY POLICE)

(C) DEC 1975 - 2 WKS TRAINING BY DEA (PARTICIPATION BY GENDARMERIE, POLICE JUDICIAIRE AND CITY POLICE)

(D) TWO GENDARMERIE AND TWO POLICE JUDICIAIRE OFFICERS RECEIVED DEA TRAINING FOR SIX WEEKS IN WASH D.D.

(E) SPRING 1974 - 2 WKS TRAINING OF BELGIAN AND LUXEMBOURGEOIS CUSTOMS OFFICIALS BY U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE.

(F) JUNE 1975 - 11 DAYS TRAINING OF BELGIAN AND LUXEMBOURGEOIS CUSTOMS OFFICIALS BY U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE.

(B) TWO BELGIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS RECEIVED U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE TRAINING IN U.S. ONE IN 1974, ONE IN 1975.

(2) BY U.N.: PROPOSED TRAINING 1977 ONE WEEK FOR LOCAL CITY POLICE.

(3) OTHER: N/A

F. SEIZURES AND ARRESTS 1973-1976:

	1973	1974	1975	1976 TO DATE APPROX.
ARRESTS	1,326	1,022	1,035	N/A

SEIZURES:

MARIJUANA	82,575 GR.	7,219 GR.	31,114 GR.	N/A
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HASHISH	436,463 GR.	446,577 GR.	1,676 GR.	N/A
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OPIUM	40.3 GR.	12,275 GR.	12,455 GR.	-
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HEROIN	1,509 GR.	5,578 GR.	78,235 GR.	30,000 GR.
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MORPHINE	3,212 GR.	19,561 GR.	1,375 GR.	4,450 GR.
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COCAINE	169 GR.	2,011 GR.	2,926 GR.	7,500 GR.
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G. BELGIAN OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN OBTAINING U.S. HELP TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN NARCOTICS TRAINING CAPABILITY. THEY ARE NOW CONSULTING TO DEFINE THEIR PRECISE NEEDS AND TO DETERMINE HOW WE MIGHT BEST BE OF ASSISTANCE.

H. GIVEN THE PAST SUCCESS OF IN-COUNTRY TRAINING ON AN INTERSERVICE BASIS, THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE THE BEST FORMAT FOR PUTATIVE "TRAIN THE TRAINEES" PROGRAM. AN IMPORTANT BY-PRODUCT OF THIS APPROACH MIGHT BE IMPROVED INTERSERVICE COOPERATION IN THE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT FIELD GENERALLY, IF JOINT TRAINING COULD BE ESTABLISHED. BASIC NARCOTICS FAMILIAR- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ZATION EXPOSURE AS PART OF GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING APPEARS ADEQUATE AT THE BASIC LEVEL. TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS SHOULD BE TARGETED TO INTERMEDIARY AND ADVANCED LEVELS. THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERALS WILL DECIDE WHETHER NARCOTICS TRAINING WILL REMAIN RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OR IF ADVISABLE TO RECEIVE NARCOTIC TRAINING TOGETHER. THE LATTER IS ADVISABLE THOUGH IN BELGIUM NOT PRACTICAL.

GIVEN ITS OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS (INTERSERVICE RIVALRIES AND LINGUISTIC DISPARITIES) BELGIUM IS PROBABLY NOT WELL-SUITED TO SERVE AS A REGIONAL TRAINING FACILITY.

2. THE FOREGOING CAN BE ONCIRMED AND SUPPLEMENTED BY MESSRS. R. CHAMBERS AND J. MEANS WHO ALONG WITH DEA DISCUSSION THESE MATTERS WITH BELGIAN OFFICIALS DURING A VISIT TO BRUSSELS DEC. 2 AND 3, 1976. FIRESTONE

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